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SUBJECT: CCD: INFORMAL MEETINGS OF CCD ON CCD PROCEDURES, MARCH 3,
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1. SUMMARY: MAIN ISSUE AT THIRD INFORMAL MEETING ON
CCD PROCEDURES WAS QUESTION OF WHETHER IT IS PREFERABLE
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TO ESTABLISH AD HOC WORKING GROUPS TO CARRY OUT SPECIFIC
NEGOTIATING MANDATE, OR TO CREATE A STANDING SUB-
COMMITTEE AS NEGOTIATING BODY. US PROPOSED THAT PROCEDURAL
ISSUES BE DECIDED AS A PACKAGE RATHER THAN PIECEMEAL, AND
MEXICAN REP AGREED. END SUMMARY.

2. PAKISTANI REP (YUNUS) CHAIRED THIRD INFORMAL MEETING

ON CCD PROCEDURES WHICH FOLLOWED IMMEDIATELY AFTER PLENARY ON MARCH 3. EGYPTIAN REP (THRASHI) THANKED THE INDIAN REP FOR HIS THOROUGH REVIEW OF THE HISTORY OF THE CO-CHAIRMANSHIP AND NOTED THAT MEXICO HAD INDICATED THAT CHANGE WAS NOT URGENT MATTER. HE INDICATED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAS THIS ISSUE UNDER REVIEW AND WILL EXPRESS ITS VIEWS IN DUE TIME. EGYPTIAN REP INDICATED PREFERENCE FOR BRITISH PROPOSAL TO CREATE SEVERAL WORKING GROUPS FOR SPECIFIC CASES AS REQUIRED. HOWEVER, IF OTHER MEMBERS OF CCD WISH TO ESTABLISH STANDING SUB-COMMITTEE, HE SAID THAT EGYPT WOULD NOT OPPOSE IT. HE ALSO NOTED THAT THERE WERE NON-MEMBERS OF CCD WHO HAD BEEN UNHAPPY WITH THE LACK OF TIME THEY HAD FOR EXAMINATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION CONVENTION BEFORE CONSIDERING IT AT UNGA, AND THAT SOMETHING SHOULD BE DONE TO AVOID THIS PROBLEM IN FUTURE.

3. INDIAN REP (JAIN) RECALLED REFERENCE THAT HAD BEEN MADE REGARDING HIS REMARKS ON HISTORICAL ASPECTS OF CCD, AND RETIERATED HIS VIEW THAT LESSONS OF HISTORY IMPORTANT. HE MADE PERSONAL GESTURE OF FRIENDSHIP TO MEXICAN REP, BUT DID NOT ACCOMMODATE TO MEXICAN POSITION.

4. ITALIAN REP (DI BERNARDO) SUGGESTED THAT INFORMAL MEETINGS FOCUS ON THE TASK AHEAD RATHER THAN SPEND MORE TIME REVIEWING HISTORY.

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5. NIGERIAN REP (FALASE) SUPPORTED CCD PRINCIPLE OF
CONSENSUS, AND PROPOSALS ON SUB-GROUPS BY MEXICO AND ITALY.
HE SAID THAT IT WAS NOT NECESSARY TO "TACKLE QUESTION OF
CO-CHAIRMANSHIP WITH HASTE."

6. FRG REP (SCHLAICH) NOTED SWEDISH PROPOSAL FOR WORKING
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GROUP ON CTB AND ITALIAN PROPOSAL FOR WORKING GROUP ON CW,
AND WONDERED IF PERMANENT STANDING SUB-COMMITTEE NECESSARY.
HE ASKED MEXICAN REP FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

A. IT IS INTENDED THAT THE STANDING SUB-COMMITTEE
PROPOSED BY MEXICO WILL CARRY ON CCD'S INFORMAL WORK?

B. WILL THIS SUB-COMMITTEE HAVE A FIXED AGENDA?

C. WHO WILL DECIDE ON THE RULES OF THIS SUB-COMMITTEE?

D. WHAT SORT OF IMPROVEMENTS WOULD SUCH AN APPROACH
YIELD OVER CURRENT FLEXIBLE APPROACH?

7. MEXICAN REP RESPONDED:

A. NO, THE STANDING SUB-COMMITTEE WILL ONLY WORK ON
TASKS ASSIGNED BY CCD.

B. THE AGENDA OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE WILL BE SET BY THE CCD.

C. THE SUB-COMMITTEE WILL BE OPERATED UNDER SAME RULES
AS CCD, WITH ROTATING CHAIR. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE
SECRETARIAT WOULD PREPARE UNOFFICIAL SUMMARY OF SUB-COMMITTEE
MEETINGS. SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS WOULD BE SCHEDULED SO AS
NOT TO CONFLICT WITH CCD.

D. MEXICAN REP EXPRESSED OPINION THAT SUBCOMMITTEE WOULD BE MORE EFFICIENT THAN AD HOC WORKING GROUPS.

8. MEXICAN REP PROPOSED THAT CHANGE OF PROCEDURES BE ADOPTED IMMEDIATELY ON MAKING PERMANENT THE SECRETARIAT PREPARATION OF CCD REPORT AND MORE EXPANSIVE FORMAT OF COMMUNIQUE.

9. US REP (MEYERS) INDICATED DESIRE TO STUDY ALL PROPOSALS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOR PROCEDURAL CHANGE TOGETHER AND ADOPT APPROPRIATE CHANGES AS A PACKAGE RATHER THAN TAKING DECISIONS PIECEMEAL. US REP SAID THAT THIS DID NOT IMPLY THAT US SEES ANY DIFFICULTY WITH PROPOSALS ON COMMUNIQUE OR REPORT PROCEDURES. HE SUGGESTED THAT DISCUSSIONS ON COMPREHENSIVE NEGOTIATING PROGRAM SCHEDULED FOR WEEK OF MARCH 7 MAY ALSO TOUCH ON PROCEDURAL ISSUES AND THAT THESE DISCUSSIONS SHOULD ALSO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT BEFORE TAKING FINAL ACTION ON PACKAGE OF PROCEDURAL REFORMS.

10. MEXICAN REP SAID HE HAS NO PROBLEM WITH US APPROACH.

11. NEXT INFORMAL MEETING WAS SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 4. CATTO

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